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There is attached a sketch of the Galati dock and Basin area showing the railroad and steamship facilities used by the Soviet and Rumanian shipping authorities to transship goods between the Soviet Union and Rumania. The sketch is drawn from an existing plan of the Galati dock region as of 1949. [REDACTED] added the details below. It will be noted, however, that the number of railroad lines on the sketch does not agree with the information given by the informant; this is because of the small scale of the sketch itself and the impossibility of placing each railroad line on the attached sketch. The numbers below correspond to those on the sketch.

1. The Sovromtransport shipyard.
2. The lumber loading basin; this was known in 1949 as the "new basin".
3. Now called the "new basin"; in 1949 this was only a projected docking area. Informant states that the new basin is about eight hectares square and has six normal gauge railroad lines, five wide gauge railroad lines and two mixed gauge railroad lines. These mixed gauge railroad lines consist of three rails on which both the wide gauge and the normal gauge cars may travel.
4. The transshipment area. This is where the transshipment of goods from the Soviet Union is actually done from the wide gauge Soviet cars into the normal gauge Rumanian freight cars. The area is about six hectares in size with five wide gauge railroad lines, five normal gauge railroad lines, two mixed gauge lines and two large warehouses. There is a ramp to aid in the loading and unloading of war materiel along the main railroad line.
5. A railroad spur area about five hectares in size. There are six wide gauge lines and three normal railroad lines here. Two mixed gauge lines completed the number of tracks in the area.
6. At the four points marked on the sketch, 50 ton closed railroad cars unload aircraft spare parts and engines packed in crates.

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Machine guns, anti-tank guns and aircraft fuselage in large crates are also unloaded at this site.

7. The wide gauge railroad line extends to an area known as Belvedere where the following items are unloaded: medicines, cartridges of various sizes, small arms, and smaller guns mounted on rubber wheeled carriages which are easy to handle.
8. The railroad station.
9. State fisheries.

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